



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6618

LCO No. 3839



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS RECEIVING ABORTION CARE AND RELATED SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Qualified patient" means a patient who (A) is a resident of a state
3 with limited access to abortion care and related services, and (B) has an
4 annual income not exceeding two hundred sixty-three per cent of the
5 federal poverty level or provides evidence of enrollment in the Medicaid
6 or supplemental nutrition assistance program of such patient's home
7 state;
- 8 (2) "Family planning provider" means a health care practitioner
9 licensed by the state whose scope of practice includes abortion care and
10 related services;
- 11 (3) "State with limited access to abortion care and related services"
12 means a state that has enacted state laws that limit a qualified patient's
13 access to abortion care and related services by imposing restrictions that

14 may include, but are not limited to, banning abortion care and related
15 services except in the case of rape, incest or threat to the life of the
16 qualified patient; and

17 (4) "Eligibility verification" means a certification by a family planning
18 provider verifying (A) residency of a qualified patient in a state with
19 limited access to abortion care and related services, and (B) income of
20 such patient or enrollment in a Medicaid or supplemental nutrition
21 assistance program by such patient in such patient's home state.

22 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide medical
23 assistance for abortion care and related services provided to a qualified
24 patient by a family planning provider who provides an eligibility
25 verification for such patient. The commissioner shall apply for a waiver
26 under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act and any other federal
27 approval required to secure federal financial reimbursement for the cost
28 of such care and services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide state-administered medical assistance for certain out-of-state residents receiving abortion care and related services in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]